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Council At-Large

Interview #2

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**How long have you lived in your community?**

6+ years, and I grew up in the area

**Are you a Homeowner or Renter?**

Homeowner

**Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?**

No

**Describe your civic and/or community engagement.**

Plymouth Planning Commission, 2022-present Plymouth Charter Commission, 2019-present Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee, 2017-2021 Chair, 2020, 2021 Launched Environmental Academy for residents Election judge, 2020 Greentree West Neighborhood President, 2018-2021

**What is your fundraising goal? How much have you raised to date?**

\$5,000+ I have reached this goal

**Are you accepting PAC contributions?**

Yes

**Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign**

Ned Carroll (I'm running for his seat on the city council) Kevin Anderson, (Hennepin County Commissioner) Plymouth DEI Ginny Black (former City Council member)

**What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?**

Finding a balance between new development and affordable or workforce housing. I want to ensure that Plymouth can be a place for people from across the economic spectrum can live and thrive. I would like to make sure that we have housing for our teachers, police, grocery store clerks, etc. just as much as for entrepreneurs, business leaders and executives.

**The Twin Cities Metro is facing a housing shortage unlike any we have experienced in recent history. What will you do to increase the number of homes available to residents of your community?**

I am on the Plymouth Planning Commission and I have voted to increase the approved housing density in certain zoning areas and to approve new developments, including apartments, condominiums and single-family homes. I want to see thoughtful growth in the remaining develop-able areas of Plymouth - including considerations of public safety, access to schools, and affordability. I will continue to support positive growth that is good fro Plymouth and its residents.

**Minnesota has one of the largest homeownership gaps between Whites and Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Color. This is one of MAR's primary concerns. What would you propose at the local level to close this home ownership gap?**

I want to make sure that people in the BIPOC community feel welcome in Plymouth across the board. That means working to build community in neighborhoods, encouraging our police and city staff to build positive relationships with residents and neighborhoods, and being responsive to resident needs and concerns. Moreover I would like to consider other city policies that encourage homeownership like forgivable or low-interest loan programs for residents with certain income levels to take advantage of naturally occurring affordable housing. I would also seek to encorage development of more mid-range housing options like town homes, condominiums.

**How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?**

I have met with the Outreach Development Corporation and leaders of organizations like Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners that work to help tenants maintain secure and affordable housing. I think that balancing the rights of tenants and property owners is critical, and in the past few years, due to the pandemic, that balance got out of alignment. Creating opportunities for dialogue and compromise, and finding supports for tenants should help to restore that balance and create beneficial stability for both parties - a safe place to live and a steady income stream for owners to manage and maintain their property/investments.

**What are your views on property tax rates in your community? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?**

I've been attending city budget planning meetings and am happy to see that our property tax rate is among the lowest in the metro area, while still enabling

Plymouth to provide top-quality city services to our residents and businesses. I think we are in a good position currently as new developments adding to the tax base and we will need to be thoughtful as the city transitions from new development to re-development in the coming years.

**Please provide links to all social media accounts connected to you or your campaign if any.**

<https://www.clarkforplymouth.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/clarkgregorplymouth> Page on Nextdoor, too.

**The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates virtually, would you be willing to participate, if contacted?**

Yes